Crime Busters B - EVIDENCE PACKET

USC Invitational

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It was a crisp autumn evening in Paris, and the Grand Palais was alive with glittering lights and dazzling jewels for the annual Gem Gala. The most prized possession of the night was the Sapphire Solstice, a radiant blue gem that once belonged to the royal family. As Ladybug and Cat Noir watched over the event, the jewel suddenly vanished during the unveiling, leaving the crowd in shock!

Seventeen unknown substances, three fiber samples, four plastics, and a blood spatter were found within ten feet of the scene of the crime. Also, five fingerprints, three hair samples, and a note that reads "CATCH ME IF YOU CAN" were found on the gem display. Ladybug and Cat Noir need your help—but will you be able to catch the culprit before time runs out?

The suspects were quickly narrowed down to four individuals, who were all spotted near the crime scene:

1. **Gabriel Agreste**: Gabriel's obsession with rare gems and ancient artifacts is no secret. He may have wanted the Sapphire Solstice for personal reasons, believing its rumored powers could aid his quest to control the Miraculous powers.

2. **Chloé Bourgeois**: Chloé's sense of entitlement and the belief that the gem should belong to her family could have led her to steal it. She may have also wanted to ruin the event for everyone else, making herself the center of attention.

3. **Felix Fathom**: Félix is no stranger to intrigue, and his sharp intellect makes him a natural schemer. He may have wanted the Sapphire Solstice for its rumored mystical properties or its immense value, possibly to trade for something more important to him—or even to sabotage Gabriel Agreste's plans if he believed the gem could be connected to his uncle's schemes.

4. **Kagami Tsurugi**: Kagami's intense rivalry with Marinette over Adrien could have driven her to make a rash decision. Perhaps she believed that the Sapphire Solstice, with its mystical qualities, could be used to win Adrien's favor or to prove her strength.

SUSPECT INFORMATION:

GABRIEL AGRESTE:

Gabriel felt tired at this event, but it was a good excuse to get out of the Agreste mansion for a few hours. His home was undergoing construction, and he barely managed to clean up for the Gem Gala, although there were still bits of gypsum and plastic debris in his shoes. This construction messed up his daily routine, so he had to take his Vitamin C and calcium carbonate supplements during the gala. He brought five vintage copper and aluminum francs he wanted to sell at the gala, but one of them must have gotten misplaced during all the commotion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Clothing: Cotton
Fingerprints: Whorl, Loop
Rf Value: ~ 0.20

CHLOE BOURGEOIS:

Chloe was nowhere to be found for most of the event. She claims to have been looking for her lipgloss—a small plastic tube labeled “Suburban Decay.” She also appeared to have cut her hand, and spent time outside the Gala trying to clean it with hydrogen peroxide. When she was there, she constantly complained about foods like salt and vinegar chips and lemon juice aggravating her cut. Did her cat scratch her, or did she cut her hand on the glass display case?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Clothing: Wool
Fingerprints: Loop, Plain Arch
Rf Value: ~0.85

FELIX FATHOM:

Felix was excited for the Gem Gala because it was his chance to show off his bread recipe, which he had perfected over the past few months. His secret—using a specific ratio of cornstarch and flour, while using less yeast and baking soda. He stored this in plastic food containers before putting them out to eat. While organizing his bread arrangement at the food bar, he knocked over the water cooler, which inconveniently splashed the gem display!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Clothing: Linen
Fingerprints: Tented Arch, Whorl
Rf Value: ~0.55

KAGAMI TSURUGI:

Prior to the Gem Gala, Kagami had not been feeling well. She took alka seltzer and iron supplements in hopes that she would feel better. Additionally, she brought a heating pad, which broke in the middle of the event. She was seen eating jello and sugar cubes and lingering around the gem display, claiming she was trying to clean it because it was dirty.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Clothing: Spandex
Fingerprints: Whorl, Loop
Rf Value: ~0.40